

**Chapter
10
in the
Serial Story
of MEDFORD**



A Word-Picture of MEDCO'S Modern Planing Mill Operations

Hello, Lumber Friends! This is Bill Rhymes, MEDCO planing mill foreman, with a quick word-picture of what we do here in our large, well equipped Medford Corporation planing mill.

This is where we do the refining work on MEDCO lumber—surfacing, matching, running to pattern, double end trimming, bundling, resawing, ripping and grade and trade marking.

The lumber comes to us by straddle truck in unit loads; some of the Fir boards, dimension and timbers from the green storage yards; the Fir flooring strips and other uppers from the dry kiln unstacker sorting chains or sheds, and the Pine from the various dry storage sheds.

Our planing mill is laid out with a 10" Woods sticker, 6" x 20" Woods 14-knife surfacer, 6" x 15" Stetson-Ross matcher, 6" x 15" motorized Stetson-Ross surfacer and a 16" x 20" Stetson-Ross timber sizer. In conjunction with the planers, we have a 24' selective cutting smooth end trimmer, 54" vertical resaw and various rip and trim saws.

MEDCO prides itself on the quality of its machine work. Good equipment, skilled operators, careful supervision, and inspection, maintain highest standards of workmanship in the big Medford Corporation planing mill. All stock is carefully graded piece by piece by expert graders after machining—before release from the planing mill as extra assurance of the accuracy of MEDCO grades. Nothing is overlooked in the planing mill operation that might improve the quality of the MEDCO product.

And now—looking ahead to the next MEDCO broadcast on August 3. Ed Andren, shipping clerk, will visualize for you our loading operations.



The big MEDCO planing mill has a daily capacity of 300,000 feet, and turns out a diversity of finished products in Douglas Fir, White Fir, Sugar Pine and Ponderosa Pine—particularly yard items and finish, factory and industrial specifications. MEDCO maintains highest standards in all machine work.

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Douglas Fir -- Sugar Pine -- Ponderosa Pine
White Fir



Annual Capacity 85 Million Feet

Members of West Coast Lumbermen's Assn., West Coast Bureau of Lumber Grades & Inspection, Western Pine Assn.